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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): Gary (NMN) Stephenson Confirmation No. 5677

Serial No.: 09/489,310 Group Art Unit: 1614

Date Filed: January 21, 2000 Examiner: S. Rose

Title: METHODS OF USING A BEVERAGE COMPOSITION

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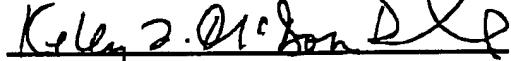
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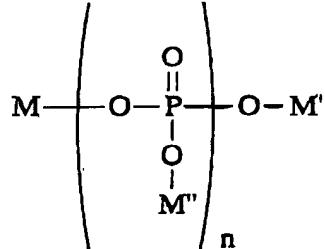
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 27, 2001 for the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new Claim 23:

23. A method of treating dental erosion comprising orally administering to a mammal a beverage composition having a pH of less than about 5; wherein the beverage composition comprises a compound having the structure:



wherein n is an integer averaging from about 7 to about 100 and M, M', and M'' are each, independently, selected from the group consisting of sodium and potassium, and wherein the beverage composition is substantially free of calcium and fluoride.